



Inyo National Forest
CAL FIRE, San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit

For Immediate Release
September 16, 2019

Fire Information:

760-282-4198

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6570/>

Taboose Fire Update

The fire weather forecasted for today brought smoke that could be seen from afar. The smoke was the result of fire burning in the Shingle Mill Bench area along with pockets of interior fire in the Red Mountain and Red Lake areas. The Taboose Fire is now at 9,438 acres and firefighters have 62% of it contained.

Currently, the areas in and around the fire are still under a Red Flag Warning until 9:00 pm tonight. Crews are reporting sustained winds around 25-30 mph in the mountains, with gusts up to 45-55 mph which grounded air operations most of the day. The incident meteorologist has been following the weather situation, and is forecasting the winds to continue throughout this evening and decreasing around 8:00 pm. Firefighters will continue to secure perimeter lines, and patrol the area to ensure the fire does not breach containment lines.

Aside from the obvious dangers of a wildfire, some fires cause situations that may negatively impact the environment. The National Forest Service Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) program works with specialists from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Geological Survey, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the National Weather Service, Las Vegas. The BAER team will work on Forest Service lands with the goal of protecting the safety of Forest visitors and employees and protecting Federal property, water quality, and critical natural or cultural resources from further damage after the fire is out. Firefighters have been working with resource advisors during this incident to minimize impact to resources in the fire area; and the BAER analysis, along with related, post-fire resource protection measures will begin this week as well.

Fire Resources:

13 crews 24 engines 4 helicopters 1 dozer 5 water tenders 520 personnel

Closures:

Evacuation Orders

Baxter Ranch

Evacuation Advisories

Community of Aberdeen and Community of Birch Creek

Road Closures

Tinemaha Road, Taboose Creek Road at Aberdeen, Birch Creek Road and McMurry Meadows Road

Campgrounds

Tinemaha and Goodale Creek

Trail Closures

Red Lake, Birch Lake & Taboose Creek Trails.

Please respect these closures and avoid the nearby fire area for your own safety and that of the firefighters.

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